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STARTLING REVELATIONS. The Testimony in the Examination of Crouch and Holcomb.

IT WAS VERY EVIDENT

when court assembled on the morning of the third day that the interest in the examination of Jud Crouch and Dan Holcomb had not abated in the least. Jud Crouch continues to attract great at-tention, not alone from the fact that he is a prisoner, but from his remarkable indifference to all that is said and done. Holcomb maintains a quiet and reserved The first man to go upon the manner. stand was W. A Gibson, physician and surgeon, who made the following specific statement in answer to a query as to the results of his examination of the bodies of the murdered people when he first visited the blood-curdling scene:

On examination of the body of Heary White he found that one ball entered the right side of the neck three inches below the ear severing the artery; another bail entered the upper temple near the right eye, passing into the brain. The wounds inflicted on Mrs. White were: Two balls in right arm, a third in the right breast, passing into the chest, a fourth under the chin. through the neck, and a fifth in the left In the case of Polley, one ball entered the opening of the left ear. passing directly into the brain, and the second ball entered the right side passing into the chest. Mr. Crouch ceived but one ball, entering the left side of the head, two inches back of the ear, passing into the brain.

Dr. McLaughlin followed with a corroborative account of the wounds inflicted by the murderer or murderers' bullet but added a statement about discovering blood upon the carpet which he thought was caused by blood spurting out of the wound in Heary White's eck, which severed his carotid artery.

He said on this point: I did not notice any particular spurt-ing of blood on the bed clothing; there was blood on the clothes and earpet; think White did not stir much after he was shot; did not make an examination to see if the artery was severed, but knew it was severed without examination; the carotid artery was near the surface in White's body; the blood on the carpet could not have reached the carpet by flowing a continuous stream; it must have spurted; there was quite a pool of it in the carpet; Drs. Williams, Gibson and myself made the examina-

Jacob Hutchins, who lives less than a mile from the Crouch homestead and visited the place the morning after the murders, swore that he found tracks, which he believed to be Jud Crouch's in the field between the Crouch's and his son's lane. They were traced plainly from Holcomb's towards Crouch's house. Being cross-examined by Mr. Frazer, witness said: I knew Jacob Crouch well and liked him: had a little unpleasant feeling with Holcomb because people said he furnished money to carry on a suit in favor of Mrs. Kimball; I don't like the Holcomb's, but never did them any harm; did not expect to find Holcomb's tracks; but I saw the track very plain and felt sure to dinner and left him out. it was Jud's: I am sure it was made ! it was an iron foot or not I can't saybut it was JudCrouch's: I saw the track net see any bodymeasure the track.

White, was the first witness called the sound of the blows, and the cries of when court assembled in the afterat Mr. Hutchins' suggestion, was not at fright at the strange noises all certain as to whose they probably low and his crawling into the chest and were. From the general appearance of shutting the lid down on him as much the tracks he thought they conformed as he could, where he remained the closely to Jud Crouch's, but in the next | balance of the night. He also described breath confessed he had never seen Jud's tracks for certain.

Harry Hague testified to his inspection of these tracks in company with Kimball, said he: The track looked to me just as one made by a person that track was smaller and deeper, and the heel of the right foot seemed to come down first and make a much deeper impression: the peculiarity of these that Holcomb said "Oh, Lord!" tracks was plainly noticeable; if the Polley came to Crouch's the day before tracks had been followed back they would of came out north of Holcomb's but a swamp intervened, and I found the tracks north of the swamp; the swamp is northwest of Holcomb's about 15 rods; they seemed to come from a shed-like building in the edge of the woods, near Holcomb's buildings; there was another track alongside this peculiar track, but it was not as disperpible, and we could only see it oceasionally; the tracks showed that the came together when coming down hill; in other places the right foot went ahead; after I saw these tracks I ing; am positive the right foot was Crouch would make going across the and field and that's all I can say.

such as could be made only by a person ey; saw no indications of a light, and whose feet were formed like those of Jud Crouch. On the morning after the scribed while I laid in the trunk; could murders he saw Jud outside the house; was there three or four hours and did not see him inside the house; asked him questions and he seemed to be reluctant bout answering; saw Dan Holcomb there also, in the yard, but had no conversation with him; both of them seemed to appear as usual, and showed no signs of grief; they were not looking for tracks; others were looking for tracks and all seemed to be engaged and interested in finding some clue except Jud Crouch and Dan Holcomb.

Holcomb's on the night of the murder. Witness was the first to tell Holcomb of the murder, but he made on reply. Holcomb did not tell his wife what had happened. Witness told Mrs. Holcomb. Jud learned it from Boiles. He seemed to be utterly indifferent, and manifested no surprise whatever. Jud had on light pair of pants that he wore when he went to town, and he had them on

Jud, Foy, Bolles and Holcomb talken about 15 minutes: Holcomb came back into the house, but said nothing, and soon went to town; a short time previous to the mur-der Mr. Holeomb was absent from home for a week and another time three or four days; the last time he said had been to his brother's up north; he said nothing about a pistol; saw Jud put a pistol in his pocket when he went to work; saw no other pistol except the one Jud had; eannot describe it; Jud went to Louisville in October, and was gone less than a week; Foy was there all the time I was there; neither Jud nor Holcomb went to the Crouch place while I was there; Mrs. Holcomb and Edith went there once or twice; heard no noise in the night; I woke up some time along in the night and heard the wind blowing. When Mr. Holcomb came back from the Crouch place it was about three o'clock; he had nothing in his hand that I saw: he passed right through to his wife's room; Jud and Foy did not stay at Holcomb's at all after the murder; when Jud went to Louisville he took a revolver with him: I saw him put it in his pocket: I never saw it afterward.

The last witness of the afternoon wa Ella Shannon, who worked at Hol comb's house for one week, going there a week after the bodies of the murdered people were found. She began work a Sunday and on the next day did the family washing. In a room lately occupied by Jud Crouch and Foy she found a white shirt with blood on the bosom and cuffs and a pair of pants smeared with blood. She found them behind a wooden chest, opposite the bed. She did not take them to the wash, and some days afterward Jud and Foy came in and got some clothing from their old room and brought it to be washed, but the bloody garments were not in the bundle. When cross-ex-amined by Mr. Frazer, witness said: I did not take the clothes down to

wash because I knew Mrs. Holcomb was ill and did not like to let her know day; when Foy and Jud came and got the clothes, they took two buadles with them; Jud said to Foy: "By God, Jim, I guess we'd better go up and get those clothes;" on Saturday before I went away, I found the clothes were gone. The pants were saturated at the knees, and the shirt sleeves were smeared above the wrist-band; did not know that the shirt was Jud Crouch's, but saw him wear the pants Sunday before the murder, when he was at our ouse; know the boots were his, beause one of them was built up on the

brought down the clothes. Examination to be continued Tuesfay morning.

BOLLES TESTIFIES.

When court assembled on the fourth day of the Crouch examination George Hammond was the first witness sworn, and testified to a conversation with Jud in which the 'atter said he was not on speaking terms with his father and that the trouble was in regard to the property matters.

Miss Kittie 'De Mosh said that Jud wanted to find out whether it was done father did not speak was because his d-d fool. by a traveling tramp or some one else; father had invited the rest of the family

George Bolles, the colored boy by a peculiar foot: I called it a cloven was living at the Crouch homestead at foot-but maybe I was wrong; whether the time of the murders, was then placed on the stand. He said he never saw Jud at the house but once and unnext day; did not show it to anybody derstood that he drove down to see till several days; I am not a detective; Capt. Byron Crouch. Neither did he I never swore that I was not sure whose ever see Dan Holcomb there; saw Mrs. track it was; I think it was Crouch's Holcomb there once or twice; know and always swore to it; I think the nothing about the relations between track was made the night of the mur- the members of the family. The witders; there was some rain that night- ness then proceeded to narrate the it was muddy; don't know whether the events of the night of the murder. He tracks were made before or after the thought it was the noise of pounding rain; did not measure the tracks; did | below that woke him up; I heard five blows after I was awake; think there Wilfred White, a brother of Henry was half a minute's difference between "Oh," "Oh," came in between. He had examined the tracks The witness then described his getting up in the morning and finding the four people murdered. He was frightened, and without waiting for anything else started off for Mr John Thomas, Eber Murray and Dr. White's, the nearest neighbor. I first saw Jud at Holcomb's about an hour after that ; he was with his man ; walks as Jud Crouch does; the right him that the people down there all had their throats cut : Jud said, "What is that you said ?" neither Jud nor Holcomb displayed any sign of grief, except the murder in the forenoon and another man in the afternoon whom I did not know. Don't know where Mr. Crouch kept his money and papers; all I heard Mr. Polley and Mr. Crouch talk about money was at the barn, when Polley offered him \$125 for a couple of cows; Mr. Crouch said he did not feel like selling anything then. Upon his cross-examination, Bolles repeated his description of the events of the fateful night without varying from his previous testimony. Will Clements said he could tell whether they were chloroformed or not as soon as he got watched Mr. Crouch's manner of walk- into the house, and when he got there he said he thought they had been chlo smaller than the left by one inch; it roformed; did not hear anyone tell looked like a track just such as Jud Julia "Reese she was chloroformed. she knew she Toid the peddler the night before that John Thomas testified that the much crouch was rich as he had 1,000 acres mooted tracks, in his judgment, were of land, but said nothing about his monnot imagine the cause of the sounds I heard; only thought something wrong

> for both the prosecution and the de-fense to shake the testimony of the colored boy, but without avail.
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> Walter H. Purdy testified to being on the grand stand on the fair ground at the time of the county fair with Jud

was going on down there. Every effort was made on the part of the attorneys

cleaned them to see whether they were all right; don't know of their getting any cartridges just before the murder; don't know what Jud brought home with him the night before the murder; Holeomb made me a present of a rifle since the murder; it was an old rifle which had been in the rifle day they were arrested; he said nothing when he gave it to me except that he all murdered. Foy had lost his hat in the barn and he went into the house after another one. Foy did not get his cap until he came back from Crouch's regard to a misunderstanding about the next day. He changed his shirt, taking off a colored shirt and putting on another colored shirt. He left the shirt he took off near the cupboard door

up-stairs. Cross-examined: Think Jud wore his light suit the day before and put on his Brown suit the following morning. Knew of Mr. Holcomb's getting a pair of rubber boots the morning before the murder; doa't know of Jud's having any rubber boots. The statements drawn up by me were true; have heard lots of people say that I would be in danger if I did not change my testimony

from these statements. Charles Andrews was called and his testimony corroborated that of Fred Lonsbery's as to the events occurring on the night of the murder. Continuing, he said: When the news came of the murder, neither Jud Crouch nor Mr. Holcomb said anything; Holcomb got ready and went to town; returned about noon; changed his coat and vest, but the old Crouch homestead. Foy and Jud practiced at a mark three weeks before the murder; they had cleaned their revolvers before firing at the mark of my discovery; another reason, I was frightened; I staid till the next Satur- shot at a piece of paper on the head of a barrel; I think the pistols were about the same size. A pistol was shown him by Detective Harris and witness thought they were smaller than that I left Mr Holcomb's after Mrs. Holcomb. died and returned afterwards and staying there. am still never heard either Mr. Holcomb or Jud Crouch say who committed the murder or for what purpose, neither have I heard it discussed between Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb. Heard Mr. Holcomb ask where Polly was when the colored man brought the news of the murder; the

before the murder while I was there. talk with Mr. Holcomb one day last made. February in Jackson, and he asked if I said that McIntire said that Holcomb said that Ennice's child would never

Harris of Pinkerton's force was sworn. His testimony was substantially as follows: Was sent here Jan. 1 by Mr. Pinkerton to investigate the murders. First consulted Sheriff Winney Jan. 7. Went to the Crouch place to examine it. Found Jud Crouch and James Foy there. Jud showed witness the rooms in which the people were killed. Jud said he couldn't tell who committed the crime: also said he found three shells on the floor in the parlor, his attention having been called to them by Foy. The latter said Elmer Hatch called his attention to them. Foy said he put a washtub over the tracks west of the house. Witness was assisted in the investigation by John C. Frazer, known here as J. C Murray, and Geo. Hay. Went to West Branch, Ogemaw county, to see Wm. Holcomb. Before going saw Dan in the Hibbard house. Questioned him about the tragedy. Dan said he was at home the night of the tragedy and was awakened some time after 12 by the barn door. Dan told witness that he was up north once, and then admitted he was up there twice, three and tour times. Went there in May, again in October and remained a week. Witness asked him if he had a pistol at that time. Admitted that he pistol up there. Dan choked up, called for a glass of water, and then said it was a Smith & Wesson 38 caliber, bought at Lansing for his brother. Asked him at what store he bought it. but he couldn't tell and couldn't describe the store. Dan said he lost the pistol out of his pocket, but couldn't tell pistol in talks with Dan, whose state-Sheriff Winney. Witness and Winney went to Lansing and visited four-stores bullet. Witness has had no information told him I came there out of curiosity City the day Foy was killed. In January had a conversation with Holcomb,

the evening before the murder; he put them on again the next day; he wore a dark pair at his work, which he kept up to go; Jud and Holeomb both had up stairs; the next day after the murder; he were very much alike, but der Mr. Holeomb want to town and came back shaved and changed his clothes hade; saw Jud and Foy cleaning them the Sunday before the murder; before he went to the Crouch place, them the Sunday before the murder; but the first them at a mark after they water. Dan drank from a pitcher. Dan water. the evening before the murder; he put went to Jackson the day before the roborated Harris about Dan's statement from a light overcoat at the Crouch water. Dan drank from a pitcher. Dan said he lost the pistol in the woods. Didn't state his reason for buying the pistol for his brother. Holcomb couldn't remember the store where he bought the pistol. Witness visited all places in Lansing where pistols were sold. There was only one place there where that pattern was sold. The man couldn' house some time; this was on the same tell very well from the books it he had sold such a pistol at the time in question. Couldn't find that such a pistol had would make me a present of it; Mr. been sold. Witness was at the inquest Holcomb was at home all the day beand heard Dan say he had never owned and heard Dan say he had never owned was committed, and said that about breakfast time Jim Foy came in and said the folks down at Crouch's were all murdered. Foy had lost his basic time down the said the sheriff's office during the first time sheriff of the proceedings, but had not been there lately. The last time Capt. Crouch called was just before he went away, in

> paying men. Jesse Hurd, who was on the coroner's jury in the Crouch case testified: At that time Holcomb testified that he never had a 38-caliber pistol, and told Reynolds he never bought one of him and never owned one. Next day he said he had talked of buying one for his brother, but didn't buy one. cross-examination did not shake Hurd. Witness saw no blood on the floor at the Crouch place, nor blood spurted on the bed clothes. Examined them for I put it in my pocket quick-that purpose. Examined them for I put it in my pocket quick-that purpose.

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Patrick Casey, coroner, sworn: Holcomb testified that he never owned a 38-caliber revolver. Wm. Dilley, coroners juror, testified

the same as the former witness. Thomas Courtney, sworn : Heard Holcomb testify he never had bought or

owned a 38-caliber pistol. Thomas Courtney was sworn. He saw blood on the carpet in front of Henry White's bed, the spot of blood being don't know of his shaving himself. fully as large as one's hand. Didn't After the murder Jud Crouch stayed at think there was a trail leading from the spot to the bed.

Joseph Weeks was sworn and said that he saw blood in Polley's room on clothing that appeared to have been taken from a drawer. It looked like bloody finger marks.

Geo. H. Manh, a police constable, said he picked up a bullet from the floor in Polley's room. The ball ap-peared to have struck the plaster. John Squire, an expert, testified that the bullets had been placed in his hands Have for experiments, and from his experiments the witness thought the ball taken from the house were fired from a Smith & Wesson 38 calibre revolver. W. Roscoe Dodge, another expert

corroborated Squire's testimony. C. D. Herrington of Big Rapids testi fied to knowing Foy in St. Louis, Mo. heel and sole; Jud carried the boots colored boy said he was killed, too. Am three years ago. Saw him in Jackson down in his hand at the same time he positive that they only butchered once and had a long conversation with him. Witness was about to relate a portion Charles VanGlesor, sworn: Had a of his conversation, but objections were

Justice Hunt said he thought it proper to admit the testimony of witness dressed poorly, of medium hight, be-Herrington as to what Foy said to him. tween five and six feet tall. He had on see the light of day? I told him I never witness met Foy on the street Noyon-noither light or dark clothes. I saw this said any such thing. He said also that ber 11, and he said to witness, "You man afterwards in Spring Arbor. I think he understood I had said he received a large amount for taking care of Jud. are the man I want, I have been look-large amount for taking care of Jud. ling for a man with nerve." He said old ed me to Horton after I left the Crouch but had said he never reseived one G-d Crouch was a d-d hog and was try-house. One was a short man with a d-n cent; said all the detective work ing to beat the boys out of the proper-heavy mustache, the other was taller. had been paid by him; he had paid out ty. He said if I would go out and help In reference to the cap the man wore Miss Kittle 'De Mosh said that Jud told her that the reason why he and his father did not speak was because his father had invited the rest of the family to dinner and left him out.

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Was created when Detective John C. lower end of barn and he asked me if I Herrington. This was the "long" carried a revolver. I said no- He show- one; the short one disappeared. I first ed me one of 38-caliber. I saw him showed the lettes to Giles and his wife. again January 1 on the street. He ma- Among the letters I lost one from my tioned me back into the barn and said; sister. I told Mr. Hutchins to take 'You must make yourself d--d scarce. Holcomb and Jud have got their foot into it and they will shoot you." I left the city soon after and went away. I off. I think the letters were in the outfirst told this to Mr. Hewlet". I thought side pocket of the inner coat. Cannot t my duty. Came back here Sunday

Gibson says he is confident that he can prove that an offer was made by Foy to defendants to commit the mur der for \$2,000.

BROWN'S TESTIMONY

C. D. Herrington, whose test, mony of the day before created such a sensation was put on the stand, and closely

cross-examined. But all efforts to change his testimony were unavailing. Wm. M. Hortupee, a hardware merchant of Jackson was sworn: Witness was shown a photograph of Foy and said he thought he was the man who came to his place about the 15th or 24th of November and asked for cartridges for a 38-calibre, revolver, long. I didn't have any of that kind. He said "a thirty-eight leng would shoot stronger than a thirty-eight, wouldn't it?" I said it would shoot. I think Foy was the man. Galen E. Brown, the detective sworn: Heard of the murder on the morning after it occurred. Began to work of this case about January 1. Came to his way to Union City the day he shot Giles', three miles from the Crouch Shuler. He asked if I had heard of house. First saw Foy at Crouch's when when. Witness first learned of the I first came. I called there and Foy was there alone. I stayed an hour. I nent was made in the presence of talked about the murder. He stated how the murder was committed. Said Jud and he knew how the murder was There were no other places where pistos were sold in Lansing. Dan's visit was between the lat and the 10th of October. Witness gave the names of the fight pistols sold in this cuty. The rifling in the Smith. in this city. The rifling in the Smith he was shot and was put back to bed. & Wesson is finer than in the others and makes a different mark on the some blood, but didn't say when. I or assistance from Dan or Jud. They He didn't know me. I next saw him never came near unless witness when cleaning up wheat. Jud showed never came near unless witness when cleaning up wheat. Jud showed approached them. Witness saw Foy before he was killed. Went to Union lay. He showed me where his father was shot, next where Polley was killed, next the White's room. I didn't tell who wanted to change his statement him why I was looking around.
made at the Hibbard house. was not in the house at the time. might have tampered with Londsberry. what is coming to me I won't have to on account of the questions Frazer asked work." He said the Crouch estate witness. Never gct any measurement of the tracks in the wheat field. Understood that the matter had been fully investigated. Don't know why anybody has not furnished the size of the tracks. Never told Frazer that Frazer but added that if worst came to worst be added that if worst came to work either. I saw him January 25 again at the Crouch house. He said it wasn't for work either. I saw him January 25 again at the Crouch house. He said it wasn't for work either. I saw him January 25 again at the Crouch house. He work either. I saw him January 25 again at the Crouch house. He work either. I saw him January 25 again at the Crouch house. He work either. I saw him January 25 again at the Crouch house. He work either. I saw him January 25 again at the Crouch house. He work either. I saw him January 25 again at the Crouch house. He work either. I saw him January 25 again at the Crouch house. He work either. I saw him January 25 again at the Crouch house. He work either. I saw him January 25 again at the Crouch house. He work either. I saw him January 25 again at the Crouch house. He work either. I saw him January 25 again at the Crouch house. He work either. I saw him January 25 again at the Crouch house. He work either and Holcomb when Mr. Jacob Crough and Holcomb when Mr. Jacob Crough passed along. Holcomb said he guessed he would go down and pass the old gent up; Jud said he would see him in olcomb's on the night of the murder. These was the first to tell Holcomb when Mr. Jacob Crough the time of the county fair with Jud and Holcomb when Mr. Jacob Crough was trying to lead him away from a clue, but suspected he was trying to lead him away from a clue, but suspected he was trying to lead him away from a clue, but suspected he was trying to lead him away from a clue, but suspected he was trying to lead him away from a clue, but suspected he was trying to lead him away from a clue, but suspected he was trying to lead him away from a clue, but suspected he was trying to lead him away from a clue, but suspected he was trying to lead him away from a clue, but suspected he was trying to lead him away from a clue, but suspected he was trying to lead him away from a clue, but suspected he was trying to lead him away from a clue, but suspected he was trying to lead him away from a clue, but suspected he was trying to lead him away from a clue, but suspected he was trying to lead him away from a clue, but suspected he was trying to lead him away from a clue, but suspected he was trying to lead him away from a clue, but the time of the size of the size of the could that if worst came to would pass him up; I saw him Monday previous to going to Union City. Thought Foy had been dribking. He said "Come in and have some cigars." I was afraid to go in and following the mirder of him in tracks. Never told Frazer that F

house. The coat was hanging on a chair. Don't know whose coat it was. The letters were in the coat that burned pp at the Union Hall fire. One of the etters was merely a short note from Hugh McCulum and amounted to noth-

ing. The other was from San It said: Tex., dated August 22, 1883. It said: "Jud and Dan-Secure these papers. You know only too well what willbe done at the birth of Eunice's child." It was signed Mathews, with B. L. C. at the bottom. The letter had an envelope addressed to Jud D. Crouch, and postmark San Antonio, Tex. On his cross-examination, after testi-

fying to matter of a personal nature, in regard to his reputation etc., Brown said: Kept partial minutes of my proceedings in this case. The books are at Jonesville. I gave one to Hutchins on the night I was shot. I kept the books in one pocket the letters in the other. letters were taken from my lothes between the time I was shot and the time father came to Horton. I did not testify on the examination that I gave the letters to some one a day or two before I was shot and it would be in safekeeping. On the night I was shot took some letters from my pocket. I thought this particular letter was with them. I put them under my pillow. I afterward found that the San Antonio

letter was gone, and one or two others. I think the note I got from the coat, which I supposed was from McCullum, was of recent date; Jud was in the house at the time I got the letters from the overcoat pocket. The letter was in sight, sticking from the pocket, and

and it was postmarked same day at San Antonio. I think the color of the postmark was black. It might have been blue. I fell on night I was shot. Can't say how I feil, whether clear down or part way,

I always saw Foy alone. He said there was blood on the floor near the door, and he and Jud cleaned it up afterwards. He said Polley was stand-ing near the door, and the two parties did the shooting. One shot Polley and Mr. Crouch, the other shot White and his wife. I think Foy was full of hard cider, or something, at the time. The time was about dusk in the afternoon. I think it was January 8. I think I got the letters on that day. Saw him again January 18. Said the estate owed him

\$2,000, but not for work. Brown was called again when re-assembled in the afternion. I never teld any one that I went to the Crouch house to buy eaitle, and got the letters out of his pocket and there was no name signed to them. "Foy said he was get-ting lonesome at the Crouch house. I "The dead won't hurt you." He said he wasn't afraid of the dead, but feared Jud and Dan. He was afraid dence in what he said. they would wish to kill him, and he said they wanted to lay the murder to him, I asked him if he had anything to do with it, and he said if the worst came to worst he could unravel the whole thing. Can't say who the parties were in the house when Foy invited me in. One was a sandy-complexioned man, care of my memorandum. 1 regarded it as valuable. Not so valuable as the letter. I can't tell who took my coat say whether the letter from San Antonio was among those I took from the coat

the letters might be burned with clothing. They might have been so destroyed. John Giles sworn: Live in Spring Arbor. Brown showed me a letter about five or six weeks ago, a week before he go thurt. I saw the letter, but didn't read it. Mr. Brown read it to me. I saw nothing I could make out; had no glasses. Brown only read one. "There were three or four letters in the envelope

pocket and put under pillow. I first

missed them at the time father came

over to see me. Can't say why I said

from which he took it " Mrs. Giles sworn: Brown read a letter to me at my house. My husband was present. I saw the initials "B. L. C.," that was all. I did not read any more. put on my glasses. Cross-examined: Don't think there was any other name signed to the letter. The ink was black. Alfonso Carrier sworn: I saw the body of Foy at the under-taker's after death. Had met him on out of his bedreom door and they shot

The defense having asked for time to look over the testimony, the examination was adjourned until Tuesday,

A BAPTISM OF FIRE. Allegan's Business Quarter Burned--Loss

Over Half a Million. who wanted to change his statement was not in the house at the time.

Harris here made some statements was stopping at Elmer Hatch's at that which called forth a series of retorts time. I saw Foy again January 18 on the railroad crossing. I asked him it has a grocery. The cause was a defective flue. The fire spread rapidly by a heavy gale and in two hours it had deheavy gale and in two hours it had deheaved the business portion of the o'clock on the morning of the 12th in a wooden building on Hubbard street, Kenueth Raynor, solicitor of the treasury is dead. stroyed the business portion of the town from Cedar street to the river and from Hubbard to Trowbridge. This includes all the brick business blocks except the Chaffee House. The aggre gate loss is believed to be over half a million dollars. A number of families occupied rooms over stores and they lost everything and 20 families are homeless. It was the most destructive fire ever witnessed in the place, and ways before that he had spoken very highly of his father; noticed that Jud tried to draw the attention of his father to him but did not see them to speak together.

Fred Lonsbury swore to living at Holcomb's: Charley Andrews, Jud and Foy were also living there, and all four slept in the same room up stairs. Jud

Big Rlage in Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids had a \$100,000 fire the other morning, which wiped out Stra-don's woolen mill, an iron-clad building, C. C. Comstock's saw mill, and another iron-clad building occupied as a sash and door factory. Bissell's carpet sweeper factory, a large six story buildng worth \$45,000, was the next to go, and the company lose on stock, etc., about \$40,000. A large brick building occupied by the Felt boot company, was destroyed entailing a loss of \$10,000 with a company icely with a comparatively small insurance.

Minor State Items.

There are about 100 soldiers of the Mexican war in Michigan. Maple Rapids contributes \$11,000 towards the Lansing and Mt. Pleasant

Charles A. Davis, one of Fenton's

most promising young business men, died on the 11th inst. 6The output of the Calumet and Hecla, Quincy and Franklin mines for the nonth of February amounted to 2,278

The latest reckoning of the Allegan fire places the losses at \$431.320 and the insurance as \$163,450. The area burned over was six acres.

John N., son of the late ex-Governor Bagley, was married in Grand Haven, on the 11th inst., to Miss Esther P. daughter of the Hon. Dwight Cutler. of that eity.

While sawing down a tree in the woods just north of Holland, in Ottawa county, John Avery, aged 17, was struck by a dead limb which broke off and fell and was instantly kill. Those who claim to know say that

Lake Superior, between the end of Kewcenaw Point and the north shore, is frozen over. Wolves, said to have come acorss the lake from the wilds of Canda, were seen leaving the ice near Bete Gris last week. Six years ago one Henry Hall, one of

the patriotic boys in blue, was taken to the Shiawasse county house from Vern on township, where he remained until his death, which occurred a few nights since, he having been found dead in his bed in the morning The Rev. Hiram H. Hall, for 40 years

a prominent minister of the M. E. church in this state, died in Niles recently of heart disease Mr. Hall had been presiding elder of the Niles and Albion district, and was widely and well-known throughout the state. The attorneys for Jud Crouch and

Dan Holcomb are working hard to break the force of the damaging testimony given by Herrington at the examination. They claim to prove so much against him as to completely astonish those who have put any confi-An old man named Cornelius Drum-

mond was found dead in a house on the 'Potomac' in Detroit a few mornings since. The old man had served in the Mexican and civil war, and was pensioner. He had just drawn his pension money, and from the fact that none was found upon him, it is believed that he was murdered and robbed. At the examination of Margaret Smith in Pontiac for the murder of her husband a brother of the dead man

raid the deceased told him that his wife had poisoned the wine in the jug and that she said, "I guess you have got something you don't want any more of." Also that the couple had charrel Also that the couple had quarrel ed two days before deceased was taken

to a barn on Pear street; went down to rington. Didn't point them out to Jackson'at hard labor for the rest of her life. It will be remembered that she poisoned John Guild with rough on rats last August. Her husband will have his trial on the same charge in May. She was taken to Jackson at The Kalamazoo Telegraph says that President Brooks of, Kaiamazoo College,

has been in Boston during the steady cold weather, which agrees with him and has very perceptibly improved during his rest. He left on the 12th inst. for Mentone, a well known French health resort on the gulf of Genoa. He will remain abroad until the season is settled but is expected home in Michigan before the summer is over.

Mrs. Gen. Custer who is now traveling with Mrs. Calhoun, her late hus-band's sister, says: "I finally con-cluded to join Mrs. Calhoun and accompany her in her trips when she goes about to give her readings. I have no relatives of my own—father, mother, brothers or sisters—and she is the dearest one on earth to me. She is very much like the General. Her ways, her laugh, are the same, and her quick tones are very much like him. times my heart almost stops beating when I hear her speak in another room -her voice is so much like that of the one who is gone."

Oscar Hopkins, who was convicted of assaulting and robbing James Flan-nery near Pinconning, has been sentenced to hard labor in the Jackso state prison for life. Hopkins, in the the Crouch murder. Asked me if I hope of getting a light sentence, pleud-knew Foy. Said it was curious they ed guilty, and told the story of his should follow him up so. Said that two crime. Flannery stopped at his house crime. Flannery stopped at his house for a drink of water, and while getting did the shooting. Foy said that Crouch for a drink of water, and while getting was shot first. Polley stuck his head 10 cents for one of the children exhibited a roll of bills. Flannery was invited him and put his body on the bed. He to stay to supper, and after supper Hopsaid that Mr. and Mrs. White were shet kins volunteered to accompany him. the axe, rifled his pockets, and placed him on the railroad track, where he was found by two women, was rescued, and recovered. Judge Green, in passing sentence, stated that in his opinion the intention to commit murder was most apparent, and justified the extreme penalty.

A special fast train is now run between New York and Chicago. It makes the distance in

Spurgeon, the preacher, bas fallen heir to a large fortum.

Ex-Postmaster General James has a new theory of the Garfield assasination. He testified before a House committee that had not President Garfield taken the stand he did against the star routers, he never would have been shot.

Two batteries consisting of four boilers exploded at Rising Fawn furnace, Chatanooga, Tenn., the other morning, from want of water, killing one man, fujuring a second man and wrecking the whole building.

The Sun Francisco manufacturers have locked out 3,500 cigar makers. They propose to substitute 2,500 whites from New York. The Chinese packers struck on learning that their countrymen were locked out.

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The Chinese Ambassador in London has ask of for meditation between China and France There is a surprising activity in the German may, which fact creates considerable uneasi-ness in Paris.

The report is current that Oraman Digma has railled terrified Egyptians.

Deacon Benjamin Rupert of Dubuque, Iowa, the oldest Odd Fellow in the United States, is has rall

THE OREAM OF "HE NEWS.

The House committee on invalid pensions favor granting Mrs. Frank P. Blair \$5,000 and a pension of \$50 per month for her husband's services during the war.

The Kennedy strict prohibitory law has passed both branches of the lowa legislature. The governor signed the bill the day following its passage by the Senate.

Public debt, March 1, less cash in treasury, \$1,483,501,133.

Six persons accused of selling pistols to the boys of the Thaddeus Stevens public school of Philadelphia have been held for trial. The governor of Massowah, Egypt, is a Maryland man.

Bradlaugh has written Northcote, character-izing the latter's action in regard to his (Brad-laugh's) expulsion from the commons, as "mean, spiteful and unworthy an English gen-

Funeral services of Minister Hunt were held in St. Petersburg on the 4th. Arrangements are being made for the removal of the remains to this country. In the meantime they rest in a vault in St. Petersburg.

The New York Republican state convention will meet at Utica April 23.

The bill prohibiting convict labor contracts in New York has been signed by the governor. A resolution protesting against excessive coinage of silver money and the use of silver certificates has been passed by the Boston board

The fenians having learned that France i assisting England to discover the dynamite conspirators, are about to remove their head-quarters from Paris to Geneva

Parnell is actively promoting a company to further migration from the congested districts of Ireland. The government will introduce in the commons a motion to amend the purchase clauses of the land act.

A number of chiefs of Soudan tribes offer to fight with the English for money.

Two members of the jury which acquitted Dukes, the Uniontown murderer, have begun suits for the criminal libel against the Republicans Standard of that place.

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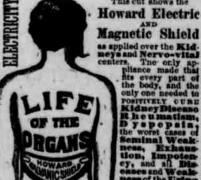
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